

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 2293 - HB 2678**

February 16, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Coordinator of Elections to adopt rules and regulations prescribing minimum standards for non-partisan voter education to address the following:

- Voter registration;
- Balloting procedures, absentee and polling place;
- Voter rights and responsibilities;
- Distribution of sample ballots; and
- Public service announcements.

Each county election commission shall implement the minimum voter education standards, and shall conduct additional nonpartisan education efforts as necessary. By December 15 of each general election year, each county election commission shall report to the State Coordinator of Elections a detailed description of the voter education programs implemented. The State Coordinator, after receiving such information, shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of voter education programs and shall submit the report to the Senate and House State and Local Government Committees by January 31 of each year following a general election.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimate assumes:

- any cost to the Coordinator of Elections' Office for the adoption and distribution of rules and regulations on voter education standards to the county election commissions and for reporting to the appropriate legislative committees will be not significant and can be absorbed within existing resources.
- any cost to the county election commissions to implement the standards and to make a report of voter education programs implemented to the Coordinator of Elections will be not significant and can be absorbed within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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